GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:148
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2007
FOODGRAIN QUOTA TO STATES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided recently to cut short the quota of foodgrains to different States for distribution to Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Above Poverty Line (APL) card holders under Public Distribution System (PDS);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(c) whether any request has been received from the State Governments for restoration of the quota and also for additional quota of foodgrains for distribution under PDS; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 148 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 26.11.2007 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b): The allocations of wheat and rice, for the APL category, have been rationalized with effect from June, 2006 and April, 2007, respectively, on the basis of the monthly offtake of previous three years for all the States/Union Territories to make them realistic and in line with availability in the Central Pool.

However, for the BPL and AAY families, the scale of issue of 35 kg of foodgrains, per family per month, has not been changed.

The pre-revised and revised allocations for wheat & rice are given in Annex-I and Annex-II.

(c)&(d): Requests have been received from some State Governments/UTs for increasing/restoration of the allocation of wheat/ rice for Above Poverty Line (APL) category, names of which are given in Annex-III.

Keeping in view the requests received from the North Eastern States & Sikkim, with special reference to their particular position, the allocation of rice for APL category in the NE States and Sikkim has been enhanced to 1.5 times of their allocation in June, 2007, subject to their entitlement, with effect from July, 2007.

Adhoc/additional allocation of wheat has been made to States and UTs, for the APL category, depending upon its availability in the Central Pool. Details of the adhoc/additional allocations are given in Annex - IV.